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(To be used within a few days at our discussions with the Exec., ORE, and General Counsel when drafting the DCI reply to State)

Dear Mr. Well:

Argon Kwon 1. CIA and the DCI were established by the National Security Act of 1947 and given thereby certain responsibilities but not authority (as pointed out in the Dulles Report). Accordingly, ^{coordination} matters can be resolved only by mutual agreement, i.e. ~~watered-down versions~~ of "Directives", expensive duplication, minimum change from established parochial agency interests to participation in national interests, etc. (This study advocates throughout the "co-operative process" ^{co-operation} rather than coordination, which latter implies a certain amount of "direction". ^{Many of the delays and difficulties in the past have been attributed to this position.})

Insert II in Operational 2. This State-Defense Study proposes to give both responsibility and authority to a new Committee composed of the various Directors of Intelligence, no longer an Intelligence Advisory Committee (as ^{approved} by NSC50 and the Dulles Report) but rather a new National Intelligence Authority. CIA thus becomes just an additional intelligence agency and the DCI's responsibilities in this Study are limited to providing headquarters, staffs and facilities for the new Committee and to ^{only} the dissemination of the final Estimates and Studies ^{only}, prepared by the staffs responsible to the new Committee. The new committee is given the responsibility to initiate, approve, review, recommend and to be responsible collectively for Estimates ^{Studies}. ^{It is believed the new Central Intelligence establishment is a good thing.}

3. The new National Intelligence Group is called an "organic part of CIA", But this ^{additional} new 7th Office of CIA ^{would be} responsible to and works for the new Committee ^{only} through the DCI ^{only}. ^{Its relationship to the new Committee would be similar to that of the former Central Intelligence Group to the former National Intelligence Authority before the establishment of the NSC Security Council.}

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I indicate the references to
 "confusion in CIA". There undoubtedly
 is some in the agency, but there would be
 less if the Departments of State and Defense
 would reply in some manner to the CIA
 proposed plan on merging the Operating
 Offices submitted ^{at} a year ago to implement
 the mandatory instructions in Paragraph
 — of NSC 52 confirmed by Security
 Council action. The present
 proposal from the Depts of State and
 Defense seems to be based particularly
 on paragraph — of NSC 52, which
 gave the Director Central Intelligence
 the option on the organization for the
 production of Estimates.

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4. The missions of the Departmental Agencies ^{would be} are to support the new Committee, ^{and its National Intelligence Group composed of} its National Estimates Staff and its Current Intelligence Staff -- not to support ^{a (what?)} CIA and the DCI -- and CIA is given a similar "mission".

5. It is thought that even the NSC cannot so distort the intent of Congress and the National Security Act of 1947 as amended.

If ^{the NSC} it wishes to have ^{such} a National Intelligence Authority in lieu of an ^{Intelligence} ^{Advisory} ^{Committee} CIA, or superimposed on a ^{this Agency} ~~Committee~~, appropriate legislation should be

proposed, ^{as I believe that under existing legislation pertaining} ~~as I believe that under existing legislation pertaining~~

to this Agency, the NSC does not have the authority to give ~~such~~ power to a Committee of Intelligence Directors and

^{changes} to ~~redefine~~ the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence. ^{such as your} ^{Study recommended}

I should like to hear this matter clarified as I believe it would be of benefit to us all.

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